APPEALS AND RECONSIDERATIONS

The European Board of Surgery (EBS), being dedicated to the principles of fairness, consistency and equality in its dealings with its applicants and candidates, hereby establishes the following policy with regard to the resolution of questions or dissatisfactions arising from its policies and procedures.

Reconsiderations

Applicants and candidates may request reconsideration of decisions regarding the requirements and rules of the EBS on individual credentials, admissibility to the examinations.

These requests are referred to the EBS Credentials Committee for evaluation and decision.

Individuals may not only request reconsideration regarding potential fraud or misconduct by the examiners, they may also reclaim the sufficiency or accuracy of questions and answers in context with the examination process.

No requests for reconsideration may be made on items defined in the EBS outlines about purpose, organization and general requirements. Amendments in these general outlines are at the discretion of the UEMS officials and may be subject of alterations in the future, all of this in cooperation with and fulfillment of European legislation and EU directives.

Within these guidelines any applicant who considers an action of the EBS adverse to his or her interest, or to be based upon unfairness, inconsistency or inequality may request reconsideration. The request must be made in writing within 30 days of receipt of notice from the EBS of the action in question. Requests must be sent by mail to the EBS secretary office (no e-mails or faxes). The request may be accompanied by such documentation as the requestor considers appropriate to support the request.

The request for reconsideration will be brought before the EBS Credentials Committee at the next regular meeting of that committee, and the decision of the committee shall be reported to the Executive of the Section of Surgery at their next regular meeting. Within 60 days following the meeting of the Executive, the requestor shall be notified, in writing, of the Credentials Committee action and the reasons therefore.

The decision of the Credentials Committee shall be considered final unless the complainant, within 30 days after having been advised thereof, gives written notification sent by mail to the EBS that he or she wishes to institute a Personal Appeal, requests a hearing, and sets forth the reasons for disagreement with the findings of the Credentials Committee.
Personal Appeals

When a request for a Personal Appeal is received, the hearing shall be scheduled at the next regular meeting of the Credentials Committee. The appellant shall be notified in writing at least 60 days prior to the meeting of the time and location at which he or she should appear. The appellant shall be afforded the opportunity to appear in person and present oral and written evidence in his or her own behalf. The members of the committee have the right to question the appellant concerning anything in his or her record or the evidence presented. Upon completion of the hearing the committee shall, in closed session, reach a finding by majority vote. Their decision is final.

The finding of the committee and any recommendations shall be reported to the Section Executive. The appellant shall be notified in writing within 60 days as to the action taken and the reason for it.

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